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ACID (SALT)-BASED POLYMER AND ITS

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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97 and § 1.98, Applicants bring the disclosure attached and listed on completed Form PTO-1449 to the Examiner's attention and request that it be considered and made of record in this application.

The enclosed document was cited in Applicants' corresponding Japanese application, and a copy of the Communication from the Japanese Patent Office dated February 10, 2004 is enclosed.

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